

October 12, 2025
9:00am

ENTRANCE

***Introit**

By the Babylonian Rivers

TFWS #2217

By the Babylonian rivers we sat down our grief and wept
Hung our harps upon the willow,
mourned for Zion when we slept.

There our captors in derision did require of us a song
So we sat with staring vision,
and the days were hard and long.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange and bitter land
Can our voices veil the sorrow?
Lord God, help your holy band.

***Call to Worship**

based on Psalm 137

LEADER: Come, all who sit by rivers of sorrow, who have
hung up their hope and wondered if God still sings.

**PEOPLE: We come carrying exile in our bones, dislocation in
our hearts, and longing in our prayers.**

LEADER: This is the table where memory is honored, where
story is sacred, where strangers become siblings.

PEOPLE: We come to taste and see that the Lord is good, to

feast on grace, to believe again in belonging.

ALL: Come, let us sing to the One who welcomes, the One who remembers, the One who provides for all.

***Hymn of Praise** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH #57

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise

The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinners' ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The Word in Song

All Who Love
and Serve Your City

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 29:1; 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

4 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The Word of God for the people of God:

Thanks be to God

Small Talk & Noisy Offering

Sermon

Seeking the Welfare
of the City

Rev. Jon Snape

***Hymn of Response** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #149

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

**REFRAIN: Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and an peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cher and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside (Refrain)

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Forgiveness

***Passing the Peace**

Offering & Offertory

Kim Spivey

***Doxology**

UMH #95

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH pages 15-16

Receiving Bread and Cup

SENDING FORTH

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Benediction Hymn**